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HON. WILFRID LAURIER.

"I am happy to be able to make the statement in this old French City of Quebec, to be able to proclaim that the basis and aim of our ideas and hopes as Liberals are that we are

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Canadians in the fullest acceptance of the term; Canadians at Quebec, Canadians at Toronto, and Canadians from the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the famous mountains whose feet are kissed by the waves of the Pacific. Our great object is the development of the work of Confederation; it is to draw closer, bind and cement together the different elements scattered over the face of the whole of British North America and to weld them into one great nation. This is, as I understand it, the role of the Liberal Party in the Confederation, and as long as I shall have the honor to take a part in the shaping of our destinies this is the ideal towards which it shall gravitate."—*Hon. Wilfrid Laurier.*